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SUBJECT: HANOI DOES NOT WANT STRENGTHENED 1540 COMMITTEE RENEWAL TO  
CREATE "UNNECESSARY ECONOMIC BURDENS"

REF: A) STATE 34968; B) STATE 30934; C) UNVIE 161

¶1. (SBU) On April 11, Poloff and U.K. Poloff met with Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Organizations Department Specialist Nguyen Vu Minh to deliver Ref. A points on supporting a strengthened renewal of the UNSC 1540 Committee's mandate. French Poloff was unable to participate.

¶2. (SBU) Minh stressed that the Government of Vietnam does not want implementation of UNSC 1540 Committee obligations, or any other international agreements, to create "unnecessary economic burdens" for Hanoi. As a developing country, Vietnam fears that export controls on dual use items could negatively impact the country's economic development, he said. Developed countries cannot ask developing countries to support international agreements that are easier for the former to implement, Minh added. Poloff responded by reiterating that Russian efforts to technically rollover the 1540 Committee's mandate would not allow developing country's concerns to be fully considered.

¶3. (SBU) Poloff left with Minh Ref A "explanatory points for changes to Russian technical rollover text."

¶4. (U) Minimize considered.

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